

# Harvey's Block Party

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## Border:

12 strips 8 1/2" x 1 3/4"

12 strips 11" x 1 3/4"

## Main Block:

Using software, choose different designs from the Harvey's Garden design set to fit in an 8" square quilting hoop. Combine and arrange designs to fit in the hoop for a total of 6 panels.

Cut six 10" squares from 6 different fabrics chosen to compliment your border piece. At this time, press sheer magic plus to the wrong side of each 10" square.

Prepare the 8" quilting hoop by hooping Hoop Magic, score the paper and peel back to expose the sticky surface.

(Fig. 1)



Center the 10" square in the hoop, top with Heat Magic and embroider each panel with your chosen designs.

Once you have embroidered six 10" panels, trim each one down to an 8 1/2" square.

## Attaching border strips:

Sew two 8 1/2" strips to each side of the embroidered block and then sew two 11" strips to the top and bottom of the block using 1/4" seams, pressing seams outward.



(Fig. 2)

You should end up with an 11" square. Repeat for the remainder 5 embroidered blocks.

## Inner layers:

Cut a total of twelve 11" squares; choose 6 from one of the panel fabrics and 6 from another color. Select colors you would like to see in the fraying process around each block.



(Fig. 3)

Layer the fabrics so your embroidered panel is on top with two 11" squares under the panel and pin together.



(Fig. 4)

I chose to sew a small rick rack in lime green, pink and yellow on each block to frame the panel from the striped border. Another option, rather than the rick rack, is to use some of your decorative stitches on your sewing machine to frame the panels. This step will sew all 3 layers together.

### Marking sewing line:

Use a quilting ruler to mark a line 1" from panel and border seam leaving 1/2" from edge to fringe once sewn together. This is your sewing line to assemble the cube.



(Fig. 5)

### Assemble Pillow:

Choose 4 of the panels to be the side of the pillow and arrange in order, keeping in mind the orientation of the design and how it will be on the pillow. It's helpful to number each panel 1-4 and top and bottom. Pin panel 1 to 2 matching up marked lines drawn earlier and sew with seams out. Repeat by matching panel 2 to 3 and then panel 3 to 4, ending by sewing panel 4 to panel 1 making the beginning of your block.



(Fig. 6)

Cut out 1/2" square on each corner of the top and bottom panels.



(Fig. 7)

Match seams on top panel to panels 1-4 and sew as you did above except you will need to pivot at each corner and

continue around until the top panel is attached.



(Fig. 8)

Repeat for the bottom leaving one or two sides open to insert pillow form. I was able to find a down filled square pillow at my local Home Décor Fabric Store and based the size of my panels on this 10" cubed pillow form. If you don't have access to a pillow form you could make your own.

Insert pillow form into the opening. I was able to push back the down pillow form enough to place back on the sewing machine and close the sides.



(Fig. 9)

If not, you can hand stitch the sides together along your 1/2" mark closing the pillow.

### **Fringe:**

Cut the outside seams about 1/4" apart using a pair of scissors being careful not to cut into your seam.



(Fig. 10)

Once all your cuts are complete, use a stiff bristled brush to brush the fringe to blossom.



(Fig. 11)